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May 29, 1996

Mound Street PCB
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Mr. Michael W. McCurdy, CHMM
Project Manager, Sverdrup Corporation, Inc.
4400 College Blvd., Suite 160
Overland Park, Kansas 66211

Dear Mr. McCurdy:

RE: Mound Street PCB Site
St. Louis, Missouri

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2. Cover letter, pages 9-10 Please check with the operator of the Illinois American Water Company, or the city of East St. Louis, for their monitoring of this water supply for the last four years. I would be especially interested to know whether they are monitoring this water supply for contaminants of concern at this site, and are obtaining a summary of their monitoring data. Please attach a summary of such data, if available, to this report. I intend to consult with the City of East St. Louis before making a decision as to whether or not to write off this site as no further action required before making such a decision.
3. Cover Letter, page 12 Please delete the second paragraph. Although the recommendation appears to make sense, I must consult with parties outside of EPA before implementation. In case we decide not to implement this recommendation, I would rather not have it in a cover letter which would be releasable under the Freedom of Information Act Request.
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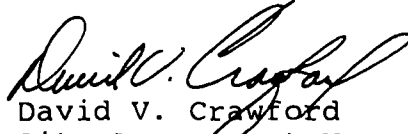
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this information in order to transmit the analytical data collected to the property owners.

5. Screening Site Inspection Report, page 3-7 See comment no. 1 above regarding "J-coded" data.

I need nine copies of the final report and cover letter for distribution, but only two copies of the site inspection (SI) worksheet. Please make the above changes and provide me with this many copies of the report, the cover letter and the SI worksheet. We find it very difficult to copy front and back pages on our copy machine. Therefore, please make all pages of all copies one-sided. Please contact me at 551-7702 if there are any questions about my comments.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David V. Crawford", is written over the typed name.

David V. Crawford
Site Assessment Manager
Site Assessment and Cost Recovery
Superfund Division

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